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**Resignation as Chair, Hawai'i State Tax Review Commission**

Aloha Director Zielinski –

Regretfully, I am hereby submitting my resignation as Chair of the Hawai'i State Tax Review Commission, although I will remain a member of the Commission.

According to recent tests, a medical condition that my doctors earlier this year had considered stabilized now is starting to deteriorate again. There is a good chance I will require extensive surgery, not immediately, but sometime in 2017 prior to the completion of the Tax Review Commission's term of office and completion of the Chair's duties to help assemble the final report and present it to the public and the Legislature. Additionally, my doctors strongly recommend reducing overall stress and curtailment of professional duties.

I plan to inform my fellow Commissioners next week and then chair the scheduled meeting of Sept. 19, 2016, in order to complete the initial process of developing a scope of studies for analyses to be contracted by the Commission. My resignation will thus be effective at the end of that Sept. 19 meeting, at which point the Commission will be asked to elect a new Chair.

It has been an honor to serve as Chair, and I am sorry that I will not be able to see that particular function through to the end. However, I hope to continue contributing to the Commission's work as a regular member for as long as possible, even if interrupted next year by a "medical adventure."

Sincerely,

John M. Knox, Current Chair

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